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Gaps in Information Requirements for Poland.

1. Attached are gaps in information for Poland submitted for your approval in accordance with the schedule attached to Memo of 6 February 1959 from Chief, Industrial Division to Chief, Planning and Review Staff.

2. Although most of the basic shipbuilding requirements are covered by NINTs (Naval Intelligence Requirements Memoranda) the economic aspects of the industry essential for the needs of ORR are not. The gaps in information presented herewith are primarily those arising from ORR's responsibility.

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GAPS IN INFORMATION

POLAND

SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY

BACKGROUND

1. The Polish Shipbuilding Industry has been growing very rapidly and is now approaching an annual output of 200,000 DWT. It is concentrated in three major centers: Gdansk, Szczecin and Gdynia.
2. There is good information on the physical output of the yards, the types of ships being built, their numbers, and characteristics.
3. The gaps in information are in financial items - prices, investment, costs.

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QUESTIONS

The following questions are categorized in subject headings which are listed in descending order of priority.

A. Prices.

1. Prices are needed for all ships built in the Polish Shipyards. Preferably prices should be obtained for the first vessel in the series and for subsequent vessels which may be produced at progressively lower and lower costs. We would like prices of the following:

- (a) 3,200 DWT Collier/ore carrier built at Szczecin.
- (b) 5,000 DWT cargo built at Gdansk.
- (c) 10,000 DWT cargo built at Gdansk.
- (d) 500 DWT trawler built at Gdansk.

2. Prices realized for ships exported are also of great value since internal price and export price are two different things. Specifically:

- (a) Exports to China of 3,200 DWT and 5,000 DWT ships.
- (b) Exports to USSR of 5,000 DWT cargo, 10,000 DWT cargo and 500 DWT trawlers.
- (c) Exports to the West.

B. Investments.

1. All the major Polish Yards are expanding or improving their facilities. Information on amounts expended and to be expended by specific project would be useful. Specifically:

- (a) Amounts expended annually on the rebuilding of the Vulcan Yard at Szczecin.
- (b) Amounts expended annually on modernizing the Gdansk Yard.

C. Imports of Components.

1. Amounts and prices of imported ship components would be of value in determining net amount of ship's sale price really accrues to the Polish economy. Specifically:

- (a) Prices of diesel engines imported from Sulzer Brothers in Switzerland, and Fiat in Italy.
- (b) Prices and amounts of steel plates for ships imported from the USSR.

D. Labor.

1. Accurate figures on work force broken down by skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled and white collar would be useful as well as earnings of each of these groups.

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2. Any indications of the productivity and efficiency of the work force are needed.

E. Relations with Bloc.

1. Any evidences of control, coordination or contact with CEMA, and the exact nature thereof.